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## **Minutes, Jan. 2004**

### **Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee**

#### **Minutes for January 5, 2004**

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Ron Sender, Stephan Miller, Christopher Tonkin, Scott Smith and Ted Packard, Others present were Paolo Marinelli, Mat Mendel, John Hirtle, Bobby Mac, and Joey Glushko.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Introductions of new attendees. We were joined by John Hirtle who is interested in working on the cable access program. Reports were given about this year's Jingle Bell Ride. Mat distributed a brochure about the Boston to New York ALS ride.

\*The minutes for the December 2003 minutes were accepted without modification.

Jack asked if those of us on the board are happy with our committee positions and duties. The answer was in the affirmative all around.

Rowell Development. Joey told us there was a community/ARB meeting about this development that runs along the bikeway. The developer has proposed building a ramp as part of the development. The proposed ramp will provide access to the Bikeway from Park Ave. and/or Lowell St. If a ramp from the development cannot be built, assistance might be provided in improving the existing Bow St. access ramp. Joey asked us to write a letter in support of the concept of this ramp.

Ron expressed a concern about the proximity of the development to the Bikeway and its casting a shadow. Joey explained that there will be considerable soil remediation and landscaping done.

\*A motion was passed to write a memo to encourage the building of a public bikeway ramp as part of this development.

Winter social. Bobby will make some pastries. Jack will bring cider and Stephan and Christopher will provide coffee. Final details to be discussed at our February 2 meeting. Alternative Transportation Fair. Tentative permission to use the Recreation Center has been granted (by the Parks & Recreation Commission). The cost will be somewhere around \$1000 for the space for a Recreation Department employee and a police detail. Mat suggested charging vendors for booth space. Jack suggested we might use the remainder of the Library Fund as seed money. Paolo suggested we find a cheaper venue. TAC would like to see the participation by the MBTA, ZipCar, Sustainable Arlington, Walking in Arlington, and ride sharing groups.

Ron thought having a rodeo on Saturday and the Tour of Arlington the next day would work. Alternatively we could have the Tour and various walks in the morning and everything else in the afternoon. Scott will contact Kevin Greeley to see if the Town is willing to participate.

TAC report. Scott informed us that there is some concern about improved response to snow removal to facilitate cycling and walking in the winter. A committee was formed and made a draft proposal. A part of the proposal was to halt the dumping of snow on sidewalks and the bike path. Also the question was raised of how to enforce existing bylaws concerning snow removal.

\*We took a vote to support the draft proposal.

Cable access TV program. Ted will follow up and contact Comcast to arrange a training session.

Other topics.

Some of us will attend the Open Space Committee meeting to help devise a maintenance plan for the Bikeway.

The National Bike Summit will be held next month. Bobby asked about the Bikeway drop off issue. Stephan said that it is on hold for the winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

\*The star indicates a motion was made and passed.01

